

ABSTRACT

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MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. ---(169)

Ellerslie, Maryland

Public/private

1766/1767 (area surveyed/marked)

1902 (new replica crownstone set
at additional site)

Milestone No. ---(169), ^{a replica crownstone} in the town of Ellerslie, marks a point on Mason and Dixon's West Line close to 158 miles from the northeast corner of Maryland, the beginning of their 230.228-mile West Line. The monument is an embellished magnesian limestone post with a low pyramidal top, quarried and carved by the Beaver Dam Marble Co. in Cockeysville, MD, ^{is in excellent condition, firmly set, unaltered,} in 1902. It measures about 12 inches square, stands about 17 inches above ground; and, like the original crownstones, has vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, with the stylized shield of the Penn family coat of arms on the north side facing Pennsylvania and that of the Calvert family on the south side facing Maryland. In addition, on the east side is the year 1766 (when this area was preliminarily surveyed) and 1902 on the west side (when this site was established and monumented during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary). This crownstone is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the thematic group series of some 248 markers still visually defining the West Line, the boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. Locally, as one of 37 monuments marking the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, it is also significant symbolically for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties, and one of the few so conveniently accessible to the public. Of interest, also, is the fact that it was provided by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia as an exchange for the ^{replacement} original crownstone, No. 115(119), ^{from Washington/Franklin counties} formally given the society in 1902.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME BOUNDARY MARKERS ALONG THE MASON-DIXON LINE (THEMATIC GROUP)

HISTORIC (Mason and Dixon's) WEST LINE

AND/OR COMMON

MASON-DIXON LINE: MILESTONE NO. --- (1900-03 Resurvey Monument No. 169)

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER off the west side of MD 35/PA 96

CITY, TOWN

Ellerslie

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

MD: 6 / PA: 9

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

MD: Allegany / PA: Bedford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☒ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED☒ not applicable

STATUS N/A

☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☒ OTHER: state boundary marker**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY** (monument only; see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

NAME

State of Maryland/Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION (see Thematic Group NR nomination form and surrounding property ownership list)

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS (also see Thematic Group NR nomination form)

TITLE

Allegany County Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

AL-VB-101 entered 1/65
updated 8/2/81☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☐ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____
☒ additional site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Milestone No. ---(169) was a new crownstone^{replica} when set in 1902^{in Ellerslie} at an additional site on Mason and Dixon's West Line during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. It is an embellished Cockeysville marble post with a low pyramidal top; is in excellent condition, firmly set, unaltered; measures 12 inches square, stands about 17 inches above ground; and, like the original crownstones, has vertical fluting with horizontally-fluted margins on all four sides, with the stylized shield of the Penn family coat of arms on the north side facing Pennsylvania and that of the Calvert family on the south side facing Maryland. In addition, on the east side is the year 1766 (when this area was preliminarily surveyed) and 1902 on the west side (when this site was established and monumented by the Resurvey).

The area here is the center of the small town of Ellerslie, MD, in the low-lying Wills Creek valley between Wills Mountain to the east and Little Allegheny Mountain to the west. The site is within Election District 20 of Allegany County, MD, and Londonderry Township of Bedford County, PA; about 440 feet west of the preceding monument No. ---(168); west of Wills Creek, the B&O and Penn Central railroads; at a point about 20 feet west of MD 35/PA 96 at the Line, in the front lawn of Redeemers United Church of Christ, about 3 feet above street level. It can be easily seen from the road, all seasons, and seems to be locally protected.

The monument, as with Milestone No. 50 (53) the crownstone replica in Baltimore County, was quarried and carved in Cockeysville, MD, by the Beaver Dam Marble Co./^{in 1902} and is of a white, fine-grained marble called saccharoidal dolomite or magnesian limestone. Both replicas were provided in a formal exchange for original crownstones given at that time to the Maryland Historical Society (No. 50) and the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia (No. 115). This Ellerslie replica has chips at the top corners (particularly the northwest and southeast), but the top planes with fluting and apex are otherwise intact, as are the shields, fluting and numbers.

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form for full descriptions of the several kinds of new monuments set in 1902 and the Resurvey method of securing them; see Maryland Historical Trust inventory file for copies of the
CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY correspondence concerning the replica/original crownstone exchange)

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
X 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
X 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	X EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
X 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	X POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	X OTHER (SPECIFY) boundary surveying	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1766/1767 (area surveyed/marked) 1902 (new monument set)
 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon
 SURVEYORS

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Milestone No. ---(169) is significant on the national and state levels primarily as one of the some 248 markers of the thematic group series still visually defining Mason and Dixon's West Line, the 230.228-mile boundary later known as the Mason-Dixon Line, famous for its historical impact and innovative survey methods. This part of the Line was preliminarily surveyed in 1766, marked at irregular intervals with cairns and additional wood posts the following year, and the present site on the Line established and monumented in 1902 with a new Cockeysville marble crownstone replica during the 1900-03 Resurvey of the Maryland-Pennsylvania boundary. Locally, as one of 37 markers along the present Allegany/Fulton-Bedford-Somerset county boundary, No. ---(169) is also significant for its identifiable relationship to the colonial and Civil War heritage of these counties, and one of the few so conveniently accessible.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT (see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

(see Thematic Group National Register nomination form)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY less than one acre

Quadrangle name: Cumberland (Maryland-Pennsylvania-West Virginia), USGS 7.5 minute series (topographic), 1949 photorev. 1974, scale 1:24000

UTM reference: zone 17, easting 69069, northing 439916

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION N/A

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

STATE Pennsylvania COUNTY Bedford

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Alice Martin (volunteer, Mason and Dixon's West Line boundary marker surveyor)

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust and Maryland Geological Survey

DATE

8/2/81 (site resurveyed)

STREET & NUMBER

14308 Mount Avenue

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Phoenix

STATE

Maryland 21131

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CUMBERLAND QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND-PENNSYLVANIA-WEST VIRGINIA

USGS 7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SCALE: 1" = 2000' NE 1/4 FROSTBURG 15' QUADRANGLE

1949 ACTOR: 1974 23 MI. TO U.S. 30 HYNDMAN 5.4 MI.

5263 1 SW
HYNDMAN

ALLEGANY

689 47°30'

690

300 000 FEET (MD.) 691

78°45'

39°45'

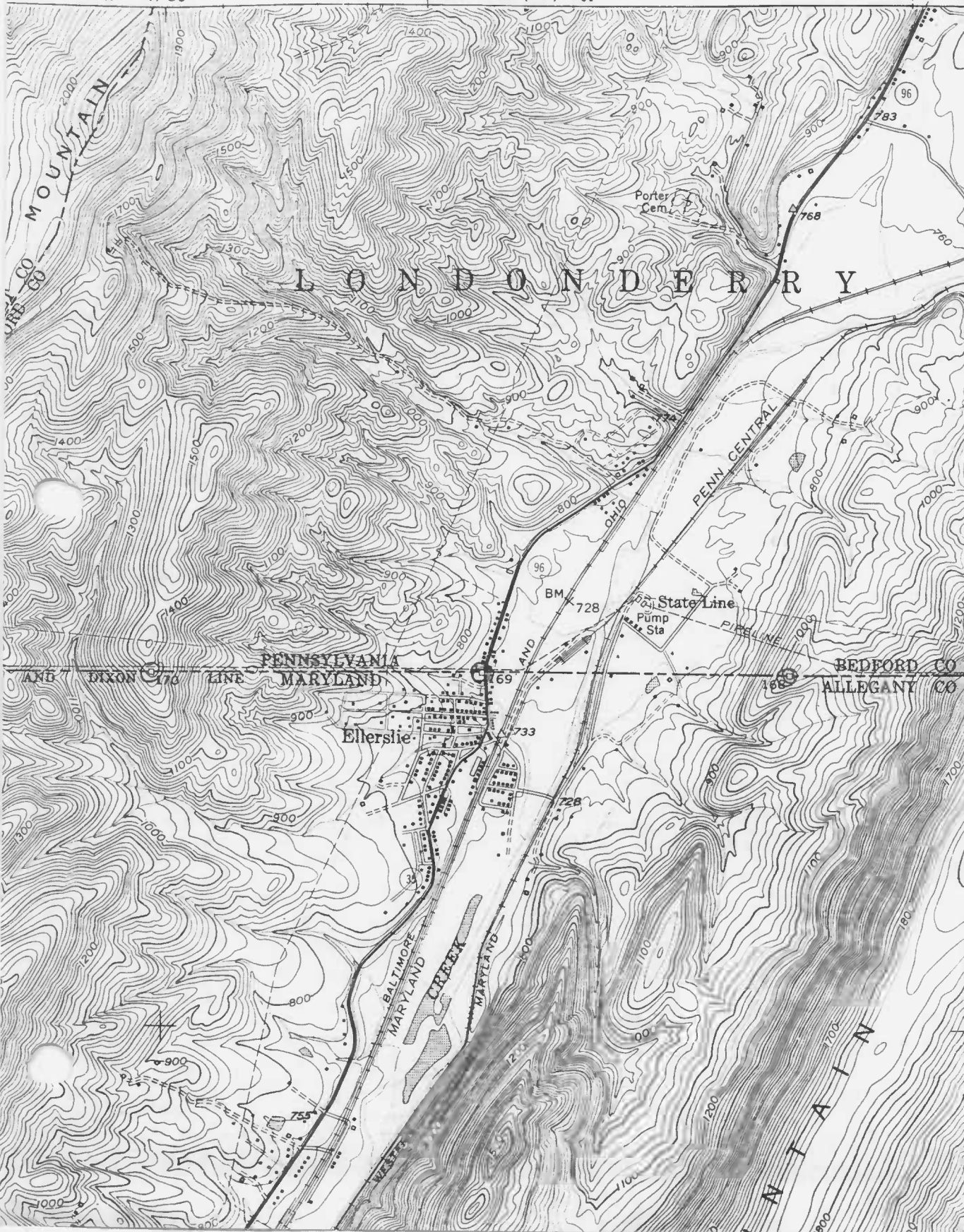
(168)

4402 (STONE SET 192)

700 000 FEET (MD.)

(169)

(HARBLE CIRCLES
REPLACEMENT
PA. HISTORICAL
FOR MED NO.
SET BY 1902)



4400

4399

4398

42°30'

4397



(169)

1747

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MASON EDIXON'S WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (169)

MARBLE CROWNSTONE REPLICA (1902)

NW CORNER (NEW COAT OF ARMS 1902)

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 8/2/81 (1981.28.17)



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MASON & DIXON WEST LINE: MILESTONE — (169)
MARBLE GRANITESTONE REPLICAS (1902)
SE CORNER (CALVERT COAT OF ARMS) 1766

PHOTO: ALICE MARTIN 8/2/81 (1981.28.14)